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1. According to Felipe Bejerano (also known as Pedro C. Bejarano), who is chief of the twenty-five guards now engaged in protecting the life of Rolando Masferrer, Representative in the Cuban Congress and leader of the Movimiento Socialista Revolucionario (MSR), the "La Chiva" finca, located at La Punta de la Chiva, is being used as a port for storage and distribution of arms for the Caribbean Legion. [REDACTED] Comment. La Punta de la Chiva is located on a neck of land which is east of the town of Antilla on Nipe Bay, Oriente province. Immediately adjacent to La Punta de la Chiva is the entrance to Nipe Bay. Bejerano states that the "La Chiva" finca was used by the revolutionaries involved in the 1947 attempt against the Dominican Republic.)
2. In charge of the finca "La Chiva" is General Rivas, believed to be a Guatemalan, supposedly in this position to protect the interests of Juan Rodriguez Garcia, the Dominican leader of the Caribbean Legion. Bejerano states that schooners come to La Punta de la Chiva from the United States, Panama, Costa Rica, and Mexico. The schooners from the United States reportedly bring arms to La Punta de la Chiva for the use of the revolutionaries. [REDACTED] Comment. These arms from the United States consist of .45 caliber automatics, the latest type Remington automatic rifles, which source states are .35 caliber, Garand carbines, and American model pistols described as P. 38's. Bejerano asserts that all of these arms are new, in good condition, and that a new load of arms is expected from the United States.) The vessels from countries other than the United States arrive at La Punta de la Chiva empty, but depart with arms for Central American ports.
3. There are four managers for the handling of these arms in Cuba, representing Dominican, Costa Rican, American, and Cuban interests. The Dominican interests allegedly are represented by Angel Miolan, who is friendly with Juan Bosch and President Carlos Prío Socarras. The Cuban manager is Marcos del Rosario, a Dominican whose position in the Cuban Ministry of Commerce was obtained for him by Juan Bosch. [REDACTED] Comment. Rosario was chief of communications at Cayo Confites during the summer of 1947.) There is no information available on the American and Costa Rican managers.
4. As a result of a luncheon meeting on 7 November [REDACTED], it was agreed that President Prío should be approached for immediate aid to the Caribbean Legion. Following this meeting, Selig Maynardy, one of Eufemio Fernandez' henchmen, stated that the Caribbean Legion would be in Nicaragua by Christmas.

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5. Costa Rica reportedly is utilized as quarters for various exiles who are part of the Caribbean Legion. These men are being fed and kept by the Costa Rican government.
6. On 30 October Colonel Calderon, a Dominican, arrived in Cuba allegedly to await the arrival of Jose Horacio Rodriguez, the son of General Juan Rodriguez.

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